

Pinellas Early Learning Initiative (PELI)

Literacy Professional Development Configured for Your District

Since 2019, Pinellas County Schools has partnered with the UF Lastinger Center to bring ongoing professional learning and job-embedded support to its Transformation Zone (TZ) schools. The goal of the project is to improve student literacy outcomes and to build capacity in the district to maintain exemplary instruction grounded in the science of reading.

WHO

The model includes opportunities for:

- Teachers
- Administrators
- Coaches
- District-level Personnel

WHAT

Comprehensive Partnership Components

- Flamingo Literacy Matrix
- Flamingo Literacy Coaching
- Flamingo Small Group Literacy Instruction
- Flamingo Reading App
- Flamingo Early Language and Literacy Program
- Family Engagement with New Worlds Reading Initiative

IMPACT

32%

improvement in students expected to reach proficiency on the third-grade Florida assessments, compared to a 4% improvement in non-PELI schools

77%

gain in teacher knowledge in the science of reading

5,573

teachers served

“Doing the PELI work really changed the way we thought and began to teach reading to our scholars. They started to build their foundational skills and their confidence, and then their love of reading began.”

PRINCIPAL LAKISHA LAWSON

Fairmount Park Elementary School

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Contact our Language and Literacy Partnerships Manager to talk about bringing the PELI model to your organization!



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